

The ACT and ACT Aspire

Assessment Systems

Arkansas law requires that all public school students participate in a statewide assessment. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, Arkansas schools will administer ACT Aspire's summative assessment to all students in grades 3-10. The ACT is available for 11th graders and will be paid for by the state.

The ACT

* What is the ACT?

The ACT is a national college entrance exam.

* Who takes the ACT?

11th graders

* Which subjects will be tested?

English, math, reading, and science

* What is the testing format?

online or paper

* Where will the test be taken?

at each student's high school

* Are accommodations available to students with documented disabilities?

Yes, in most cases if approved by ACT, <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/disab/>

* Where can I find more information about the ACT?

<http://www.actstudent.org>

ACT Aspire

* What is ACT Aspire?

ACT Aspire is a testing system that includes a required summative assessment and optional periodic assessments.

* Which part of the system is required?

summative

* Which parts of the system are optional?

interim (3 per grade; per content area)
classroom (5 per grade; per content area)

* Who will be tested?

all students in grades 3 - 10 who do not qualify for an alternate

* Which subjects will be tested?

reading, English, writing, math, and science

* Are accommodations and accessibility features available?

Yes, <http://www.discoveractaspire.org/assessments/accessibility/>

* Where can I find more information about ACT Aspire?

<http://www.discoveractaspire.org>



What is the format of the assessments?

ACT Aspire's summative piece is available online, and schools may request a paper waiver. The optional periodic assessments (classroom and interim) are only available online.

The ACT will be given online, and schools may request a paper waiver.



When will students be tested?

The ACT - optional grade 11

March 1 - 15 online format

March 1 paper format

ACT Aspire Summative - grades 3-10

April 11 - May 13 online format

April 18 - 29 paper format



What are the technical requirements for ACT Aspire?

<http://www.discoveractaspire.org/assessments/technical-requirements/>



Do you have any further questions?

Contact the office of Student Assessment at (501) 682-5300.